

**Commentary:** Elizabeth Upchurch was born 1771(?) in Dunn Township, Franklin County, NC. She died about 1855 in Greene County AL. Elizabeth was the daughter of Benjamin Upchurch, Head of Upchurch Clan #13. She married John Carpenter in 1790 in Franklin County. The broader history of Benjamin Upchurch is still unfolding and Elizabeth provides certain insights which need to be developed more fully. In 1803 John and Elizabeth became the titular parents of five Upchurch siblings as these five had their surnames changed to Carpenter from Upchurch. A shaky hypothesis is that Elizabeth bore these children, fathered by John, out of wedlock. A more rigorous analysis is needed.

RPU – 13 Sep 2016

**HEAD OF SUBCLAN**

**Acknowledgements:** This Biofile was edited by Allied Families collaborator, Rachel Shaw

**(1)** See letter 23 May 1986 Lucille Virginia Carpenter to RPU,

"I have recently received information listing **Elizabeth Upchurch** b c1771 d1850-1860 as wife of John Carpenter b 1760-mo d APR 1836. Benjamin Upchurch is shown as father of **Elizabeth Upchurch**. No mother is named.

sons of John & **Elizabeth Upchurch** Carpenter were:

\*CHURCHWELL CARPENTER

\*SIMEON CARPENTER

\*JUBAL CARPENTER

LUDWELL CARPENTER [JAMES LUDWELL CARPENTER]

\*BENJAMIN J CARPENTER

Daughters of the couple were:

\*WINIFRED CARPENTER

ELIZABETH CARPENTER

MARY CARPENTER

NANCY CARPENTER

HARRIET CARPENTER

**Elizabeth U. Carpenter** left a will and John Carpenter's children were listed in an orphan's court record in Green Co, AL.

The names in this John and **Elizabeth Carpenter's** family appear to include those of the 1800-1804 name change allowed by the NC Legislature---Simeon, Benjamin, Jubel, Winifred and Churchwell.[\*]

Is it coincidence that the names of the name change and those of John's & **Elizabeth's** sons are the same? In 1836, at John Carpenter's death, would AL courts term son over age 21 John Carpenter's orphans? Why is Ludwell the only son not on the "name change"? He was not younger than Jubel and Churchwell.

**(2)** See letter 10 Jul 1986 Lucille Virginia Carpenter to RPU

RE: logic of **Elizabeth Upchurch** being daughter of Benjamin Upchurch Head of Clan: "In your profile on John Carpenter, No 9 notes Elizabeth Pearce as a widow of John Carpenter who d 9 APR 1838. Mrs Bryant:(nee Mary Lou Richardson) had listed **Elizabeth Upchurch** as the wife of John Carpenter using the deed of gift from Benjamin Upchurch to his son-in-law, John Carpenter, as sourced. Is there better proof or did **Elizabeth Upchurch** first marry Pearce. Are we showing 2 John Carpenters, one who married Upchurch and one who married Pearce?

**(3)** See letter 12 MAY 1986 Mary Lou Richardson to Lucille Virginia Carpenter.

Mary is descended from Hilliard Carpenter. In will of **Elizabeth** (Upchurch) Carpenter [widow of John Carpenter] she lists Hilliard Carpenter as her GS-but we have no evidence of which child of **Elizabeth** (U) Carpenter was the father of Hilliard Carpenter. Mary cites the fact that John Carpenter lived in the Moccasin Creek Area of NC where Upchurches lived as further evidence of John & Elizabeth U being husband and wife.

**(4)** See letter 26 Feb 1997 Catherine Lambert to RPU

John Carpenter b c 1760-1770 d c1836 resided in Franklin Co, NC and Greene Co, AL. He married **Elizabeth Upchurch** probably born c 1761 (NC)

**(5)** A Carpenter family group sheet can be found on the next page. The following names are listed: John Carpenter, Thomas Carpenter, Mary Lee, Elizabeth Upchurch, Benjamin Upchurch, Nancy Rice, Ludwell Carpenter, Jubal Carpenter, Sarah Dew, Churchwell Carpenter, Malvina, Simeon Carpenter, Winifred Carpenter, James Sanderford, Lawrence Williams, Mary Carpenter, Hardy Hopkins, Nancy Carpenter, Guin C. Richardson, Harriet Carpenter, and James B. Tutt

## (5) Family Group Sheet

5 This information Obtained From: ELIZABETH U PG3 XID- 15711

GREENE Co., ALABAMA	Birth	1760-1770	HUSBANDS FULL NAME	
GREENE Co., ALABAMA	Chnd		JOHN CARPENTER	
PAGE 336	Mar.			
1830-1850 CENSUS	Death	CA. APR. 1836	GREENE CO., ALABAMA	
MARRIAGE RECORDS	Burial			
PLD RECORDS	Places of Residence	NASH Co., N.C., FRANKLIN Co., N.C., GREENE Co., ALA.		
LAUDERDALE Co., MISSISSIPPI	Occupation			
PLD RECORDS	Other wives, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.			
NASH Co., NORTH CAROLINA	His Father	THOMAS CARPENTER	Mother's Maiden Name	MARY LEE
MARRIAGE RECORDS				
ESTATE RECORDS 1804	Wife's Full Maiden Name	ELIZABETH UPCHURCH		
EDGEMORE Co., NORTH CAROLINA	City, Town or Place		County or Province, etc.	State or Country
ESTATE RECORDS 1824	Birth	CA. 1771		NORTH CAROLINA
LUCILLE C. CORLEE	Chnd			
ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA	Death	1850-1860	GREENE Co., ALABAMA	
	Burial			
Compiler BARKETT BRYANT	Places of Residence	FRANKLIN Co., N.C., GREENE Co., ALA.		
Address 216 E. NGB HILL DR.	Occupation if other than housewife		Church Affiliation	
City, State BIRMINGHAM, AL 35209	Other husbands, if any. No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.			
Date JANUARY 23, 1936	Her Father	BENJAMIN UPCHURCH	Mother's Maiden Name	
Children's Name in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Date	Day Month Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.
1 BENJAMIN CARPENTER	Birth	CA. 1791		NORTH CAROLINA
Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			NASH Co., NORTH CAROLINA
2 NANCY RICE	Death	16 OCT. 1845		LAUDERDALE Co., MISSISSIPPI
Full Name of Spouse*	Burial			
3 LUDWELL CARPENTER	Birth	CA. 1793		NORTH CAROLINA
Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			LIVING IN STANLY Co., N.C. IN 1850
4 JUBAL CARPENTER	Birth	CA. 1797		NORTH CAROLINA
Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			EDGEMORE Co., NORTH CAROLINA
5 SARAH DEW	Death	1854		GREENE Co., ALABAMA
Full Name of Spouse*	Burial			
6 CHURCHWELL CARPENTER	Birth	1801		
Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			
7 MALVINA	Death	7 DEC. 1850		PICKENS Co., ALABAMA
Full Name of Spouse*	Burial	W.D. BETHANY CEM.		
8 SIMON CARPENTER	Birth			
Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			
9 MARY LUD RICHARDSON TO LUCILLE VIRGINIA CARPENTER	Death	17 APR. 1838		
Full Name of Spouse*	Burial			
10 WINIFRED CARPENTER	Birth			
Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			
11 JAMES SANDERFORD	Death	BEFORE 1850		ALABAMA
Full Name of Spouse*	Burial			
12 ELIZABETH CARPENTER	Birth			
Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			NORTH CAROLINA
13 LAWRENCE WILLIAMS	Death	BEFORE 1850		ALABAMA
Full Name of Spouse*	Burial			
14 MARY CARPENTER	Birth	CA. 1805		NORTH CAROLINA
Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.			
15 HAROLD HOPKINS	Death			
Full Name of Spouse*	Burial			
16 NANCY CARPENTER	Birth			
Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	24 MAY 1826		GREENE Co., ALABAMA
17 GUIN C. RICHARDSON	Death	18 JUNE 1831		GREENE Co., ALABAMA
Full Name of Spouse*	Burial			
18 HARRIET CARPENTER	Birth			
Full Name of Spouse*	Mar.	20 NOV. 1828		GREENE Co., ALABAMA
19 JAMES B. TUTT	Death	17 APR. 1838		
Full Name of Spouse*	Burial			

THIS SHEET FROM LTR 12 MAY 1988  
MARY LUD RICHARDSON TO  
LUCILLE VIRGINIA CARPENTER  
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(6) See letter 12 SEPT 1986 Helen Kirkendall to Joanne. [Note- In this letter Helen writes a paragraph that seems to be the best explanation of the Carpenter-Upchurch name change-RPU]

"Logically, if John Carpenter had married an Upchurch widow, there should be a definite change on census records between 1800 and 1810. And there should be an Upchurch missing from the 1810 census, who had previously been nearby. I don't find either to be true. John's family in 1800 seems to be about right for him to be the father of all the children, and married to (being with?) the mother all along. My feeling is that they just hadn't bothered with a legal ceremony; perhaps settled for a common law. These things were certainly not uncommon those days."

[Note: The only addition I would make is that the children to have had Upchurch names in the first place John Carpenter must have been a casual visitor to the residence of **Elizabeth Upchurch** and only later decided to take up housekeeping with her establishing a common law status--RPU]

(7) See Biofile of Elizabeth Richardson- Entry 24 JUN 1991

I Thomas Carpenter b1743 (Botetourt Co, VA) d 6 AUG 1903(Nash Co, NC) Married Mary Lee b 4 JUL 1771 (Edgecombe Co, NC)

A. John Carpenter d 1838 (Greene Co, AL) Married **Elizabeth Upchurch** [Presumed daughter of Benjamin Upchurch- Head of Clan RPU]

(8) From Family Puzzlers 6 NOV 1993 (No1307) Pg9

I Benjamin Upchurch Head of Clan

A. **Elizabeth Upchurch**

"CARPENTER - LEE - UPCHURCH - Dr Randall Alford, 630 Hunan St. NE, Palm Bay, FL 32907 seeks data on the ancestors of MARY CARPENTER b. ca 1805 NC, d. 1860-70 Newton Co, MS. She m. 1st HARDY HOPKINS; 2nd JAMES HARVEY RAINEY of Greene Co, AL. Mary was the dau of **ELIZABETH UPCHURCH** b 1771 NC and JOHN CARPENTER who d 1836 Greene Co, AL, son of THOMAS CARPENTER and MARY LEE of Nash Co, NC. Desire data on these families."

(9) See Biofile of John Carpenter- Entry 27 JUL 1986

I. Benjamin Upchurch - Head of Clan

A. **Elizabeth Upchurch** and John Carpenter--They were in Greene Co, AL when John died leaving Elizabeth a widow with children. Record appears 9 APR 1838- Greene Co, AL Orphans Court Bk D Pg390--John Carpenter deceased- his son Jubel Carpenter--Administrator. Details show

I John Carpenter d <9 APR 1838

Md **Elizabeth** [**Elizabeth Upchurch**] SL APR 1838

- A. Ludwell Carpenter [JAMES LUDWELL CARPENTER]
- B. Benjamin Carpenter [SAMUEL BENJAMIN (U) CARPENTER]
- C. Jubal Carpenter [JUBAL (U) CARPENTER]
- D. Churchwell Carpenter [WILLIAM CHURCHWELL (U) CARPENTER]
- E. Winifred Sanderford [WINIFRED (U) CARPENTER] [DECEASED <APR 1838]  
MD: JAMES SANDERFORD
- F. Elizabeth Williams [ELIZABETH CARPENTER] [DECEASED <APR 1838]  
MD LAWRENCE WILLIAMS
- G. Mary Rainey [MARY CARPENTER] [DECEASED <APR 1838]  
MD JAMES RAINEY
- H. SIMEON CARPENTER [DECEASED <APR 1838]
  - 1. Farney L Carpenter
  - 2. Thomas Carpenter
  - 3. Rowena Carpenter
  - 4. Elizabeth Carpenter
  - 5. Jubal Carpenter
  - 6. Stephen Carpenter
  - 7. Nancy Carpenter
- I. NANCY RICHARDSON [NANCY CARPENTER] [DECEASED <APR 1838]
  - 1. Julia A. Richardson
  - 2. Milly M. Richardson
  - 3. Elizabeth Richardson
- J. Harriet Tutt [HARRIET CARPENTER] [DECEASED <APR 1838]  
MD \_\_\_\_\_Tutt
  - 1. John Z. Tutt
  - 2. James H Tutt
  - 3. Nancy J Tutt
  - 4. W. Tutt

ELIZABETH UPCHURCH

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(10) See letter 5 MAR 2001 Virginia H Tate [nee ]to RPU Re: her lineage from  
Elizabeth Upchurch [wife of John Carpenter]. daughter of Benjamin Upchurch- Head of Clan

<b>Husband: Lawrence Williams</b>	
Born: Abt. 1793	in: North Carolina
Married: Abt. 1822	in: North Carolina
Died: August 1862	in: Greene County, Alabama
Father:	
Mother:	
Other Spouses:	
<b>Wife: Elizabeth Carpenter</b>	
Born: Abt. 1804	in: North Carolina
Died: Abt. 1842	in: Greene County, Al
Father: John Carpenter	
Mother: <u>Elizabeth Upchurch</u> <i>↓ b. abt 1711 (NC) d. (Greene Co, AL)</i>	
Other Spouses:	
<b>CHILDREN</b>	
1 F	Name: Mary Ann Williams Born: Abt. 1823 in: North Carolina Married: 15 March 1849 in: Greene County, Alabama Died: Bet. 1870 - 1874 in: Lauderdale County, Mississippi Spouse: Josiah Hales
2 M	<input type="checkbox"/> Name: Jackson Williams Born: Abt. 1825 in: Married: in: Died: in: Spouse:
3 F	Name: Charity Elizabeth Williams Born: 01 May 1828 in: Greene County, Al Married: 19 January 1847 in: Greene County, Alabama Died: 15 August 1879 in: Greene County, Al Spouse: Woodson C. Jones
4 F	Name: Mazina Williams Born: 12 February 1833 in: Alabama Married: 13 March 1856 in: Greene County, Alabama Died: 23 January 1907 in: Greene County, Al Spouse: Wyatt Hales

*my great  
grandparents*

\* THERE ARE CHILDREN 5-9 BUT RPU RECORDS & THOSE  
 SENT IN BY VIRGINIA AGREE



**(11) NOTES OF RPU CALL TO CARLA (JONES) TATE ON 15 DEC 2006.....**

.....For a general chat and to clarify the reason she created the packet she gave me on 29 OCT 2006

She generated these mostly Franklin Co, NC records in an effort to show that one of her Strickland family females was a wife of Benjamin Upchurch- Head of Clan

She found no proof but circumstantial data leads her to believe that Benjamin Upchurch had two wives- speculative names given below- with some reason given.

I. Benjamin Upchurch-Head of Clan

Md(1st) MARY ANN STRICKLAND

Md(2nd) NANCY LEDBETTER (Ledbetter may have been a married name)

A. **ELIZABETH UPCHURCH**\*Oldest child- Md 1)John Carpenter\* They moved to Pickens Co, AL before Nancy died(Elizabeth would not have left her elderly mother behind)(Elizabeth got zero from the Benjamin Upchurch estate. (Carla feels the Upchurches who changed their names to Carpenter were children of **Elizabeth's** and John- born before they married)

B. FRANCES A UPCHURCH (got the entire estate) married () John Pearce

Carla found no probate records for Benjamin Upchurch and concludes there may have been one of those cases where probate was unnecessary because the estate had funds to pay all debts.

(12) INPUT FROM EMAILS 18&24 FEB 2013 TO RPU FROM RACHEL DENISE REARDON

I. BENJAMIN UPSCHURCH HEAD OF CLAN MD () NANCY LEDBETTER

A. Elizabeth Upchurch b.c1771 Wake Co, NC d. c1850 Greene Co, AL

m: c1790 NC John Carpenter b.c1770 Edgecombe Co, NC d. Mar 1836 Greene Co, AL

1 James Ludwell Carpenter b.c1793 NC d. a19 May 1857 Stanly Co, NC

m: c1840 Obedience Broadway b. c1776 d. 7 Dec 1816 NC

a. Shelby Carpenter b. 1815/16 NC d 12 Feb 1895 Tyson, Stanly Co, NC

m: c1839 Mirah Woodruff b. c1818 NC d. 15 Jan 1871 Tyson, Stanly Co, NC

i. Julius Bradford Carpenter b. 8 Feb 1858 NC d. 26 May 1937 Norwood, Stanly Co, NC m: 10 May 1882 Stanly Co, NC Mary Lucinda Harward b. 20 Feb 1860 Stanly Co, NC d.2 Aug 1944. Albemarle, Stanly Co, NC

(I) Arch Cornelius Carpenter b. 28 Jan 1883 NC d. 5 Jul 1974 Norwood, Stanly Co, NC

m: 15 Oct 1915 Cottonville, Albemarle, Stanly Co, NC

Minnie Bell Burris b.6 Nov 1899 Stanly Co, NC d. 23 Dec 1993 Albemarle, Stanly Co, NC

(A) Raymond Campbell Carpenter b. 13 Dec 1916 Norwood, Stanly Co, NC d. 1 Apr 1996, Fayetteville, Cumberland Co, NC

1st m: 31 Dec 1940 Chesterfield Co, SC Vertie Conra Lambert b.26 Nov 1915 Albemarle, Stanly Co, NC d. 6 Nov 1989 Ft Bragg, Cumberland Co, NC

(1) Connie Rayceine Carpenter b 5 Nov 1941 Ft Bragg, Cumberland Co, NC

m: 8 Jun 1962 Akin Co, SC, Glen Allen Reardon b 20Dec 1936 Natchez, Adams Co, MS d. 11 Nov 2004 Brookhaven, Lincoln Co,MS

(a) Rachel Denise Reardon b.4 Apr 1963 Prentiss, Jefferson Davis Co, MS

m: 29 Apr 1984 Frank Joseph Stefanski b. 5 Nov 1958

(i)Rebekah Hope Stefanski b. 3 Aug 1987 Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Par, LA

2<sup>nd</sup> m: 1 Sep 1989 Gary Drew Shaw b. 17 Mar 1955 Ruston, Lincoln Par, LA

(ii) Joshua Mathewes Shaw b. 18 Jul 1990 Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Par, LA

(ii) Sarah Lillian Shaw b. 2 Nov 1992 Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Par, LA

(ii) Timothy Reardon Shaw b. 6 Apr 1994 Minden, Bienville Par, LA

**(13)** Item in letter 20 May 2002 Cynthia Ann Madden to RPU Upchurch Carpenter 1803

- 1 Sarah Ludwell b. c1693 d. a1731
  - + James Lee b. c1690-95 d. INT 1731 (Will dated 17 Jan 1731)
- 2 James Ludwell Leigh(Lee) d. INT 1777 (Autumn 1777)
  - + Agnes
    - 3 James Ludwell Lee b. c1738 d. 23 Feb 1811
    - 3 Robert Lee b. 1745 d. 1808
    - 3 William Travers Lee b. c1750 d. Apr 1794
    - 3 Frances Lee b. c1750 d. aft 1800
    - 3 Winnifred Lee b, c1750
      - + William Wilder
    - 3 Tabitha Lee b. aft 1750
      - + William Sullivan
    - 3 Mary Leigh (Lee) d. 1829
      - + Thomas Carpenter d. Bef 24 Jan 1831
    - 4 Burwell Carpenter d. Bef 24 Jan 1831
      - +Elizabeth
        - 5 Willis William Carpenter b. c1790
        - 5 Burwell Carpenter b. c1798
        - 5 Asberry Carpenter
        - 5 Thomas L Carpenter b. c1802
        - 5 Alfred M Carpenter b. c1804
        - 5 John Carpenter b. c1806
        - 5 Polly Carpenter
          - + Laban Massey
        - 5 Elizabeth Carpenter
          - + Stone
        - 5 Delaney Carpenter b. c1794
          - + Crawford
        - 5 Sarah Carpenter b. c1796
          - + Greer
    - 4 John Carpenter d. 1838
      - + **Elizabeth Upchurch** b. 1771 D/O Benjamin Upchurch - HEAD OF CLAN
    - 4 Ruben Carpenter b. 1766 d. 1840
      - + Mary Butler b. 1766 d.1838
        - 5 Thomas Carpenter b. c1790 d.c1838
        - 5 John Augusta Carpenter b. 2 Aug 1829 d. 25 Jan 1881
      - + Mrs Henderson
    - 4 William Carpenter
    - 4 Frances Carpenter
      - + Willaim Manor
    - 4 Elizabeth Carpenter
      - + Abraham Winborne
    - 4 Polly Carpenter
      - + Thomas Bryant
    - 4 James Carpenter d. bef 1804
    - 3 Phillip Budd Lee b. c1757
    - 3 John Lee
    - 3 Obedience Lee
    - 3 Milbery Lee
      - + Broadstreet
    - 3 Sarah Lee
      - 4 Jacob Duke
    - 2 Robert Lee d.1766
    - 2 William Lee